

Heritage VIII - Maintaining Choice: “Urban, Suburban, Rural, Natural”

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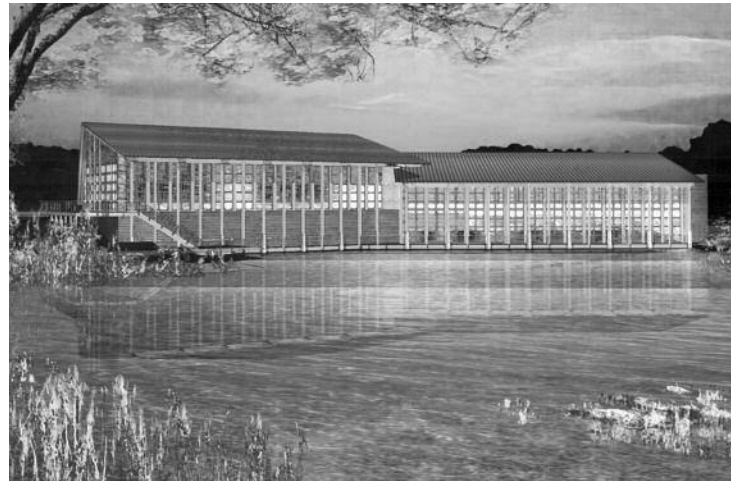


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Environmental Discovery Center

Indian Springs Metropark encompasses 2,215 acres of parkland and is located in both White Lake and Springfield Townships, in Oakland County. Recently, Indian Springs Metropark opened a 90-acre facility that will help reconnect visitors to the natural world, by demonstrating many of the relationships and concepts important in nature. The facility features restored and created native ecosystems including ponds, wetlands and prairies, a 20,000 square-foot building with classrooms, biology lab, 200-person multi-purpose room, exhibit area and underwater pond viewing room. The EDC features educational programs tailored to students in grades K-12. The building grounds also feature trails that wind through 60-acres of native wetland and prairie ecosystems, a botanical garden of native plants, and also an adventure playground. The Discovery Center will feature programs that will use digital technology and the Internet. The use of these mediums will promote opportunities for interactive distance learning. The facility is available for group rental and is open to the general public seven days a week from 9:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments is encouraged to call the Environmental Discovery Center at (248) 625-7280.



Pondside view of the Environmental Discovery Center at Indian Springs Metropark. Rendering courtesy of the Smithgroup, Inc.

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Oakland County’s Annual Planning & Economic Development Conference

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CENTER

Indian Springs Metropark, White Lake Township



Photo courtesy of: Huron-Clinton Metroparks

The conference brings together individuals from various backgrounds, who deal with the built and natural environment, to discuss ways to improve their communities. The conference attracts nearly 200 local and regional governmental staff, elected officials, developers, architects, realtors, consultants, and small business owners as well as representatives from environmental and historical interests.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Keynote: Importance of preserving land, park expansion, and funding sources
- Announcement of new Main Street communities
- DTE Energy environmental initiatives
- Hiking/biking and facility tours
- Presentation of Career Achievement Award
- Networking reception with outstanding raffle prizes!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Sam Washington is the chairman of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, and a trustee of the Great Lakes Fishery Trust. He is also Executive Director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC). In addition, Washington is on the State Park Advisory Committee, the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee, the Forest Advisory Committee and the Department of Environmental Quality Advisory Council. He is an avid outdoorsman and has been a long-time defender of our natural heritage.



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2005 Conference Agenda

- 8:30-9:00

Registration w/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-9:20

Welcome – *L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive & Gary C. Bartsch, Director, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA).*
- 9:20-9:40

Main Street Announcements – Robert Donohue, Main Street Oakland County (MSOC) Coordinator and Principal Planner, Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services.
- 9:40-10:00

Between a Rock and a Green Place - DTE Environmental Programs – *Roberta Urbani, Environmental Planner, Environmental Initiatives Department, DTE Energy.*
- 10:00-10:10

Morning Break
- 10:10-11:00

Early Morning Sessions:

1A

Preserving Community Character Through Context Sensitive Design – *Larry Falardeau, Principal Planner, Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services.*

1B

The Aftermath of Fire - Rebuilding the Village of Lake Orion – *Steve Auger, Principal, SAA Architects, Inc.*

1C

USGS Water Resource Study for Oakland County – *Dr. Thomas J. Gordon, Ph.D., Director - Oakland County Human Services Department & Steve Aichele, Geographer, USGS.*
- 11:05-11:55

Late Morning Sessions:

2A

Trails and Heritage Routes: Case Studies Demonstrating Healthy Communities – *Christine Vogt, Ph.D., Dept. of Community Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies, MSU .*

2B

Building Green in Downtown Ferndale – *Cristina Sheppard-Decius, CSM - Executive Director, Ferndale DDA and Leslie Ann Thompson, Executive Director, Affirmations Lesbian & Gay Community Center and Vice-Chairperson, Ferndale DDA Board of Directors.*

2C

Master Plan - Addressing Our Invisible Water & Wastewater Infrastructure – *John McCulloch, Oakland County Drain Commissioner.*
- 12:00-1:45

Awards Presentation & Keynote Luncheon - They Will Thank You Tomorrow – *Sam Washington - Executive Director, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and Chairman of the Natural Resources Trust Fund.* Mr. Washington will discuss the importance of preserving the land, parks expansion and funding sources.
- 1:45-2:00

Afternoon Break
- 2:00-3:30

Afternoon Sessions & Tours:

3A

Recreational Health/Biking Tour – *Lisa Grost, Michigan Healthy Communities* to present and Kristen Wiltfang, GIS Technician, Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services, to serve as tour guide (8 Miles).

3B

Nature Center/Interpretive Hiking Tour – HCMA employees to lead tour of Nature Center and *Jeremy Emmi, Exec. Dir., Michigan Nature Association* to lead hike, including Michigan Nature Association Preserve.

3C

HCMA Challenges/Environmental Discovery Center Tour – *James Bresciami, Deputy Director, HCMA,* to present and *Kim Jarvis, Parks Superintendent Indian Springs,* to serve as tour guide.
- 3:30-5:00

Networking Reception & Raffle (Environmental Discovery Center Deck). Must pre-register and be present to win raffle prizes, including a mountain bike and rock climbing wall rental, 2 for 1 golf passes, etc!



Directions

- From I-75:
- Take exit #93 and go south on Dixie Hwy. 1 1/4 miles to White Lake Rd.
 - Turn right on White Lake Rd. and go 2 miles to Andersonville Rd.
 - Right on Andersonville Rd. and go 1/2 mile to White Lake Rd.
 - Left on White Lake Road and travel 4 miles to Indian Trail (park entrance located on north side of road).

- From M-59:
- Take M-59 to Teggerdine Rd.
 - Head north on Teggerdine Rd. and go 3 miles to White Lake Rd.
 - Turn left on White Lake Rd. and go 1 mile to Indian Trail (park entrance located on north side of road).

Environmental Discovery Center
Indian Springs Metropark
5175 Indian Trail
White Lake, MI 48386
Phone: (248) 625-6640



Map courtesy of: Huron-Clinton Metroparks

Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services (PEDS)

PEDS is a division within the Economic Development and Community Affairs Department of Oakland County, Michigan. We are committed to promoting economic vitality, supporting distinct communities and conserving environmental resources through knowledge, cooperative initiative and consultation services.



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NOTE: PLEASE BRING/WEAR PROPER ATTIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HIKE/BIKE TOURS. IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIKING TOUR, YOU WILL NEED TO SUPPLY YOUR OWN BIKE AND HELMET. WATER STATIONS WILL BE SET UP ALONG BOTH TRAILS.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

(Please use a separate form for each registrant. Photocopies are acceptable, however faxed registrations will NOT be accepted.)

☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms.

First Name

Last Name

Title

Organization

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City State Zip

Daytime Phone

Fax

E-mail

Payment

Payment due with registration form.
Make checks payable to **OAKLAND COUNTY.**
There are absolutely NO refunds.

- ☐ \$65 Registration (Payment due by 9/12/05)
- ☐ Speaker/Sponsor (No charge)

Early Morning Sessions (selection one):

- ☐ **1A** Preserving Community Character Through Context Sensitive Design
- ☐ **1B** The Aftermath of Fire - Rebuilding the Village of Lake Orion
- ☐ **1C** USGS Water Resource Study for Oakland County

Late Morning Sessions (selection one):

- ☐ **2A** Trails and Heritage Routes: Case Studies Demonstrating Healthy Communities
- ☐ **2B** Building Green in Downtown Ferndale
- ☐ **2C** Master Plan - Addressing Our Invisible Water & Wastewater Infrastructure

Afternoon Sessions (selection one):

- ☐ **3A** Recreational Health/Biking Tour
- ☐ **3B** Nature Center/Interpretive Hiking Tour
- ☐ **3C** HCMA Challenges/Environmental Discovery Center Tour

☐ Networking Reception (pre-registration required)

Registration is limited to 200 attendees, so register early. We do not send confirmation of your registration. For questions call Julie Skene at (248) 858-5437. A customized schedule of events/receipt will be supplied at the registration table the morning of the event. Please identify any special requirements (such as physical limitations or dietary restrictions) you may have on a separate sheet.